



NATIONAL
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February 8, 2024

Maj Gen Thomas M. Suelzer
PO Box 5218
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Dear General Suelzer,

I would like to take this opportunity to make you aware of two scholarships we have available through the National Guard Educational Foundation and ask for your assistance.

The USAA Guardian Scholarship Fund, which provides up to \$25,000 per student over a four-year college education. This fund is being financed by USAA, with the National Guard Educational Foundation administering the application and selection process. The application deadline is June 30, 2024.

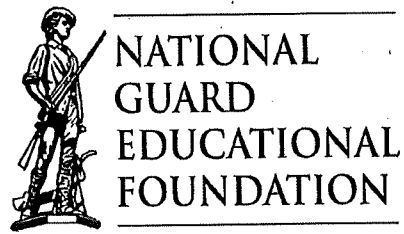
We are also offering an additional scholarship opportunity through the National Guard Educational Foundation. **The Van Hipp Heroes Scholarship Fund** offers \$1,000 annually for Guardsmen wounded in action who are pursuing college degrees. The application deadline is July 1, 2024.

Enclosed, you will find the guidelines, eligibility requirements, and applications for both scholarships. I need your help in identifying families and Guardsmen in your state where a parent was killed, or a Guardsman wounded, serving in OEF, OIF, or OND. I would ask that you contact the family or wounded Guardsman directly and provide a copy of the respective application for their consideration. Applications and information can also be found at www.ngef.org.

Please let me know if we can count on your support. Every eligible student deserves an opportunity to apply. I am confident with your help and support this program will continue to be an enormous success moving forward.

Sincerely,

Major General (Ret.) Francis M. McGinn
President



USAA Guardian Scholarship Fund
Administered by The National Guard Educational Foundation

APPLICATION CRITERIA AND INFORMATION

Eligibility Criteria for ALL Scholarship Grants

1. A scholarship applicant must be a dependent son or daughter of a National Guard member who died in an operational or training mission in support of Operation Enduring Freedom, Operation Iraqi Freedom or Operation New Dawn.
2. All scholarship grants are to help cover the cost of tuition, applicable room and board, fees, and books.
3. All educational institutions to be attended by scholarship recipients must be geographically located within the 50 United States, the District of Columbia, Puerto Rico, the U.S. Virgin Islands, or Guam.
4. All scholarship applicants or previous scholarship recipients must apply or re-apply each year no later than June 30.
5. Send scholarship applications and required documentation to:
The National Guard Educational Foundation
Attention: USAA Guardian Scholarship Fund
One Massachusetts Avenue, NW
Washington, D.C. 20001
6. Scholarship recipients will be notified no later than August 1.
7. All scholarship grants awarded will be paid directly to the educational institution to be attended by the scholarship recipient.

Eligibility Criteria for Applicants for Four (4) - Year Scholarship Grants

1. High school students in their junior or senior year with a minimum GPA of 3.0 or equivalent who have been accepted to a nationally or regionally accredited four (4) - year college or university.
2. Full-time students currently attending a nationally or regionally accredited four (4) - year college or university who maintain a GPA of 2.5 or equivalent for the academic year immediately preceding the academic year for which the scholarship is sought.
3. Applicants may apply for a maximum of four annual grants of \$6,250 per year for a total of \$25,000.

Eligibility Criteria for Applicants for Two (2) - Year Scholarship Grants

1. High school students in their junior or senior year with a minimum GPA of 3.0 or equivalent who have been accepted to a nationally or regionally accredited community college or technical school
2. Full-time students currently attending a nationally or regionally accredited community college or technical school with a GPA of 2.5 or equivalent for the academic year immediately preceding the academic year for which the scholarship is sought.
3. Applicants may apply for a maximum of two annual grants of \$6,250 per year for a total of \$12,500.

Application must include:

1. Official high school, college, university, or technical school transcript, as applicable
2. Recommendation letter from teacher, college or university professor, or school instructor *
3. One-page essay on the applicant's deceased parent *
4. The applicant's family's tax return or copy of Free Application for Federal Student Aid (FAFSA) for the tax or calendar year immediately preceding the year for which the scholarship is sought
5. Acceptance letter to nationally or regionally accredited four (4) - year college or university, or community college or technical school *
6. Certificate of good standing or equivalent from the institution to be attended showing the applicant's full or part time status, as applicable

* Only required the first time a scholarship is applied for.

Application Deadline: June 30, 2024



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The Van Hipp Heroes Scholarship

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APPLICATION CRITERIA AND INFORMATION

1. A scholarship applicant must be a current or former National Guard member wounded in an operational or training mission in support of Operation Enduring Freedom, Operation Iraqi Freedom or Operation New Dawn.
2. All scholarship grants are to help cover the cost of tuition, applicable room and board, fees, and books at a nationally or regionally accredited college, university, or community college.
3. All educational institutions to be attended by scholarship recipients must be geographically located within the 50 United States, the District of Columbia, Puerto Rico, the U.S. Virgin Islands, or Guam.
4. All scholarship applicants or previous scholarship recipients must apply or re-apply each year no later than July 1.
5. Applicants may apply for a maximum of four annual grants of **\$1,000 per year** for a total of \$4,000.
6. Scholarship recipients must maintain a GPA of 2.5 or equivalent
7. Send scholarship applications and required documentation to:

**The National Guard Educational Foundation
Attention: The Van Hipp Heroes Scholarship
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Washington, D.C. 20001**
8. Scholarship recipients will be notified no later than August 1.
9. All scholarship grants awarded will be paid directly to the educational institution to be attended by the scholarship recipient.

APPLICATION

Full Name of Applicant: _____

Address: _____

City: _____ State: _____ Zip Code: _____

Phone: _____ Email: _____

Social Security Number: _____ Date of Birth: _____

National Guard Unit: _____ State Affiliation: _____

Institution you will / are attending: _____

City: _____ State: _____

Date Wounded: _____

I hereby certify that the information provided in this application (including the essay) is, to the best of my knowledge, true and correct. I hereby grant The Van Hipp Heroes Scholarship and The National Guard Educational Foundation the right to access all my current and ongoing personal and academic records and transcripts. If awarded a scholarship, I understand that I must meet the scholarship eligibility criteria for The Van Hipp Heroes Scholarship. If awarded a scholarship, I hereby grant The Van Hipp Heroes Scholarship and The National Guard Educational Foundation the right to use my name, biographical information, story, and picture for printed and video materials, reports, and press releases, without compensation.

Signature

Print Name

Date

Full Application Packet Must Include:

1. DD Form 214*
2. One-page essay on how your National Guard service has shaped your life *
3. Acceptance letter to nationally or regionally accredited college, university, or community college*
4. Certificate of good standing or equivalent from the institution to be attended showing the applicant's status (only if currently attending)
5. College transcript if currently attending an institution of higher education

* Only required the first time a scholarship is applied for.

Application Deadline: July 1, 2024